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Fish and Wildlife Service

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**Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Initiation of 5-Year Status
Reviews of Nine Species in the Mountain-Prairie Region**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of initiation of reviews; request for information.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, are initiating 5-year status reviews under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), of 4 animal and 5 plant species. A 5-year status review is based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review; therefore, we are requesting submission of any new information on these species that has become available since the last review of the

species.

DATES: To ensure consideration in our reviews, we are requesting submission of new information no later than **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**. However, we will continue to accept new information about any listed species at any time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on a particular species, contact the appropriate person or office listed in the table in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section. Individuals who are hearing impaired or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 800–877–8339 for TTY assistance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Why Do We Conduct 5-year Reviews?

Under the Act (16 U.S.C. §1531 *et seq.*), we maintain Lists of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants (which we collectively refer to as the List) in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17.11 (for animals) and 17.12 (for plants). Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the Act requires us to review each listed species' status at least once every 5 years. Our regulations at 50 CFR 424.21 require that we publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing those species under active review. For additional information about

5-year reviews, go to <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/what-we-do/recovery-overview.html>, scroll down to “Learn More about 5-Year Reviews,” and click on our factsheet.

What Information Do We Consider in Our Review?

A 5-year review considers all new information available at the time of the review. In conducting these reviews, we consider the best scientific and commercial data that have become available since the listing determination or most recent status review, such as:

(A) Species biology, including but not limited to population trends, distribution, abundance, demographics, and genetics;

(B) Habitat conditions, including but not limited to amount, distribution, and suitability;

(C) Conservation measures that have been implemented that benefit the species;

(D) Threat status and trends in relation to the five listing factors (as defined in section 4(a)(1) of the Act); and

(E) Other new information, data, or corrections, including but not limited to taxonomic or nomenclatural changes, identification of erroneous information contained in the List, and improved analytical methods.

Any new information will be considered during the 5-year review and will also be useful in evaluating the ongoing recovery programs for the species.

Which Species Are Under Review?

This notice announces our active review of the nine species listed in the table below.

ANIMALS						
Common Name	Scientific Name	Listing Status	Historical Range	Final listing rule (Federal Register citation and publication date)	Contact Person, Phone, Email	Contact Person's U.S. Mail Address
Black-footed ferret	<i>Mustela nigripes</i>	Endangered	Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Wyoming, U.S.A., Canada, and Mexico	32 FR 4001; 03/11/1967	Julie Lyke, Deputy Black- footed Ferret Recovery Coordinator, 970-897-2730; Julie_lyke@fw s.gov	National Black-footed Ferret Conservation Center, P.O. Box 190, Wellington, CO 80459
Pallid sturgeon	<i>Scaphirhynchus albus</i>	Endangered	Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Tennessee, U.S.A.	55 FR 36641; 09/06/1990	Wayne Nelson- Stastny, MRNRC Coordinator, 402-667-2884; wayne_nelsonst astny@fws.gov	Ecological Services, MRNRC Coordinator, 55245 NE Hwy 121, Crofton, NE 68730
Virgin River chub	<i>Gila seminuda (=robusta)</i>	Endangered	Arizona, Nevada, Utah, U.S.A.	54 FR 35305; 08/24/1989	Larry Crist, Project Leader, 801-975-3330; larry_crist@fw s.gov	Ecological Services, 2369 West Orton Circle, STE 50, West Valley City, UT 84119
Woundfin	<i>Plagopterus argentissimus</i>	Endangered	Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, U.S.A.	35 FR 16047; 10/13/1970	Larry Crist (above)	

PLANTS						
Scientific Name	Common Name	Listing Status	Historical Range	Final listing rule (Federal Register citation and publication date)	Contact Person, Phone, Email	Contact Person's U.S. Mail Address
Heliotrope milk- vetch	<i>Astragalus montii</i>	Threatened	Utah, U.S.A.	52 FR 42652; 11/06/1987	Larry Crist (above)	
Jones cycladenia	<i>Cycladenia humilis</i> <i>var. jonesii</i>	Threatened	Arizona, Utah, U.S.A.	51 FR 16526; 05/05/1986	Larry Crist (above)	
Kodachrome bladderpod	<i>Lesquerella</i> <i>tumulosa</i>	Endangered	Utah, U.S.A.	58 FR 52027; 10/06/1993	Larry Crist (above)	
Osterhout milkvetch	<i>Astragalus</i> <i>osterhoutii</i>	Endangered	Colorado, U.S.A.	54 FR 29658; 07/13/1989	Gina Glenne, Acting Project Leader, 970-628-7183 gina_glenne@fws.gov	Ecological Services, Western Colorado Office, 445 W. Gunnison Ave., #240, Grand Junction, CO 81501-5720
Penland beardtongue	<i>Penstemon</i> <i>penlandii</i>	Endangered	Colorado, U.S.A.	54 FR 29658; 07/13/1989	Gina Glenne (above)	

Request for New Information

To ensure that a 5-year review is complete and based on the best available scientific and commercial information, we request new information from all sources. See “**What Information Do We Consider in Our Review?**” for specific criteria. If you submit information, please support it with documentation such as maps, bibliographic references, methods used to gather and analyze the data, and/or copies of any pertinent publications, reports, or letters by knowledgeable sources.

How Do I Ask Questions or Provide Information?

If you wish to provide information for any species listed above, please submit your comments and materials to the appropriate contact in the table above. You may also direct questions to those contacts. Individuals who are hearing impaired or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 800–877–8339 for TTY assistance.

Public Availability of Submissions

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the offices where the comments are submitted.

Completed and Active Reviews

A list of all completed and currently active 5-year reviews addressing species for which the Mountain-Prairie Region of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has lead responsibility is available at <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/>.

Authority

This document is published under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. §1531 *et seq.*).

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